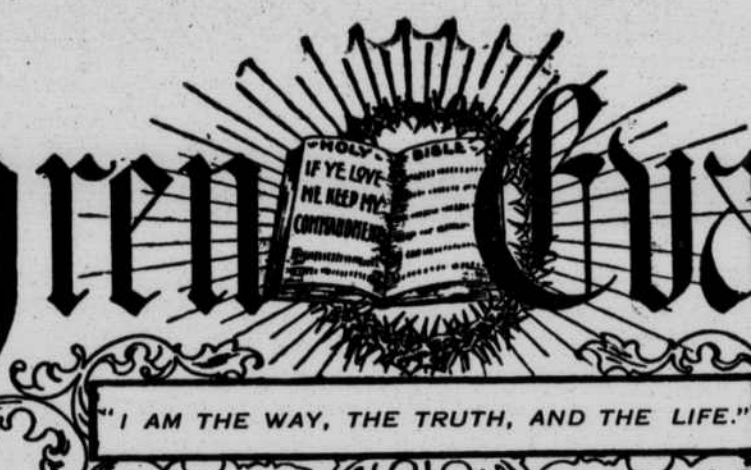


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Editorial Briefs.

BROTHER Bowman reports three confessions at Allentown, Pa.

AN ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with.—*Fulder.*

A BROTHER from Williamstown, Ohio, reports five accessions at that place, three by relation and two baptized.

BROTHER Copp reports two confessions at Waynesboro, Pa. A good Brethren Sunday-school has been organized in that city.

BROTHER R. R. Teeter is holding a meeting at Darwin, Ind. This is a new mission point. He reports three accessions.

BROTHER J. S. Hamilton of Galesburg, Kans., reports six accessions by baptism. Three others who had wandered from the fold were also brought back.

FROM a card written by Brother Grisso of North Liberty, Ohio we take these encouraging words: I shall do all in my power to increase the subscription list of the EVANGELIST. It is getting better all the time.

WE are in receipt of \$1.00 for the EVANGELIST poor fund from Mr. and Mrs. S. Summers, Louisville, Ohio. Others have contributed to this fund earlier. We are glad to note the interest they have manifested in our poorer brethren.

ELSEWHERE in this issue you will find a call for hymn books from Brother McFaden. No doubt many congregations have books which they are not using. We know no better way in which they could be used than sending them to the Mission.

A sky without a cloud is an exceptional thing.—*Neel.*

MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES.

In the course of an interesting article in the Independent, Mr. E. Irenæus Stevenson writes optimistically, or at least hopefully, of the future of church music. He claims that the movement toward congregational singing in American Catholic services is slowly gaining and should be encouraged everywhere. "In the Protestant Episcopal church," he remarks, "the suitability of the music belonging to every detail of the service is now especially to be praised. The serious and scholarly English church composers, ancient or modern, are constantly drawn on. There is a large and noble relation between their work and a true ecclesiastical style. Their congregational hymn tunes have a beauty that is not sentiment, a simplicity that is strength, not weakness. They rarely suggest in their melody and rhythm secular, not to say, frivolous musical thought. Comparisons are not perhaps welcome; but it is only just to say that the Protestant Episcopal church in the direct relation of its music to what is of authority and beauty for Christian worship is in the most healthful condition of any religious society."

Mr. Stevenson hopes much from the formation and educational efforts of the American Guild of Organists. Its object is defined as advancing the character, attainment and standing of church organists, keeping the clergy and their musical helpers in closer accord, and doing what can be done for improving the quality and appropriateness of music in church services. The Guild believes it "can bear strongly on the musical taste and religious feeling on the part of workers in church music far outside of this city or of any one city. It can set up standards and maintain them. It can make and keep clear the difference between concert rooms and chancels, between a musicale and the worship of God. It can influence the clergy to be more sharply intelligent and less sentimental as to church music than nine-tenths of the clergy are."

Mr. Stevenson's earnestness is so evi-

dent and praiseworthy, that we can forgive him for speaking in the same breath, of the especial need for change in the "Presbyterian, the Congregational, the Reformed Dutch, the Methodist and the Baptist societies," and of the ability of the Guild to "fight musical rubbish and rot." The inference is that much of the worship of song in the churches of the denominations mentioned is rubbish and rot. This is an unfortunate characterization of a portion of the worship of many sincere Christians.—*New York Observer.*

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We, the Finance Committee of Ashland University, do hereby request of the pastors of the various congregations throughout the entire fraternity, in compliance with a resolution passed at National Conference, to preach college sermons during the year, and we kindly ask that they set apart the 14th day of March, next, for such a service, that a sermon be preached, and prayer be offered, in behalf of our only institution of learning for its success and prosperity in the future, and if there are any congregations who have not as yet sent in their apportionments for the liquidating of the balance of the indebtedness, that such may not fail to send in their apportionments the week following this service.

Fraternally,

A. U. FINANCE COMMITTEE,

JOHN KEIM, Sec.

HALF RATES TO WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Account Inauguration.

VIA THE BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R.

On March 1, 2 and 3 the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., at rate of one fare for the round trip, account Inauguration of President-Elect McKinley. Tickets will be good for return until March 8, 1897.

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